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Subject: RE: Your decision  
Date: Thu, 28 February, 2013 4:58 pm  
To: "'nali065@uottawa.ca'" <nali065@uottawa.ca>

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Dear Mr. Ali,

In response to your request (below), I have once again reviewed your case. I agree with you that there is a degree of ambiguity in The FGPS's regulation G.5.2.a(4). In your case, I based my decision on the following:

1. In your case, two of the examiners submitted a verdict of 3 (not acceptable for defence) - I therefore applied regulation G.5.2.a which states that "A thesis may not be defended if two examiners are opposed".
2. In your case, there was no majority: two gave a verdict of 3, one gave a verdict of 2 (though with a relatively critical report), and one gave a verdict of 1. The practice in such cases is to refer such cases to the Dean of the FGPS for a final decision (effectively, the Dean breaks the "tie"). In your case, I was not convinced by the reports of the two examiners who were favorable to going to defence, and so my decision was to close the file.

Yours sincerely,

Ross Hastings

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Dear Dr. Hastings:

Ref. Email dated Jan 20th, 2013

Ref. Letter dated Jan 30th 2013

In light of the above referenced communications, you have applied FGPS regulations G.5.2 (a) to arrive at your decision to withdraw me from my PhD program of studies. However, upon closer look at the previously referenced regulation, I found only one mention of mandatory withdrawal "A candidate whose thesis, following a second reading, is not recommended for the defence (a majority of verdicts 3 or 4) must withdraw from the program". In addition, the form for thesis examiner's report for a revised thesis states under verdict's 3 and 4 "If more than one examiner chooses this verdict for the revised thesis, the student must withdraw from the program." The two aforementioned mandatory withdrawal clauses are inconsistent. As you know, I have received two verdicts of 3, a verdict of 2, and a verdict of 1, which does not consist of a majority of verdicts 3 or 4. Without a majority of verdicts 3 or 4, I request that you reinstate me in my program of studies. In the event you are exercising your discretionary reason(s), which to the best of my knowledge do not emanate from FGPS regulations, please provide me with these reason(s). I am, and will remain, very grateful for your consideration in this matter Dr.

Hastings.

Kind regards,

Nicholas Ali

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